GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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EXPORT OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of exports of medicines of Indian System, separately during the Ninth Plan period;

(b) the export target set for the Tenth Plan period; and

(c) the steps taken to increase export of Homoeopathy, Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani medicines?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): The details of exports Ayurveda, Unani, Homoeopathy drugs including raw drugs during the 9th Plan is enclosed at Annexure - `A`

(b): There is no separate export target for the medicine of Indian medicine.

(c): For promoting exports, Government have taken following steps:

(1) The Government has established National Medicinal Plants Board for integrated development of medicinal plants sector.

(2) Government have sent official delegations comprising trade representatives to various countries to promote ISM&H drugs.

(3) Government is also supporting industry to participate in International Trade Fairs to exhibit their products. Schemes are also in place for funding market surveys.

(4) Labeling provisions have been relaxed to facilitate exports.

(5) Testing facilities are being expanded.

(6) Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) have been notified.

(7) This Department`s Research Councils are carrying on research of ISM&H drugs.

(8) Department of Biotechnology has also supported research and development projects on medicinal and aromatic plants used in the country.

(9) A Task Force has been set up to make recommendations for increasing exports.

ANNEXURE-A

Value of exports of Homoeopathic, Ayurvedic & Unani Herbs and Medicines from 1997-98 to 2001-02(Rs. Crores)

Sl.No.	Item Description	Item Code	1997-98	1998-99	99-2000	2000-01	2001-02	Total Ninth Plan
1	Plants and parts of plants (including	1211	254.64	268.75	191.45	357.45	370.95	1443.24

seeds and fruits), of a kind used primarily in perfumery, in pharmacy or for insecticidal, fungicidal or similar purposes, fresh or dried whether or not cut, crushed or powdered							
2 Ayurvedic & Unani Herbs Not elsewhere specified	12119026	22.76	39.76	18.51	22.50	31.70	135.23
3 Ayurvedic & Unani Medicines for therapeutic prophylactic uses not put up for retail sale	30039001	42.24	34.76	36.23	96.54	92.26	302.03
4 Homoeopathic Medicines for therapeutic prophylactic uses not put up for retail sale	30039002	3.10	0.37	0.67	2.19	2.04	8.37
5 Ayurvedic & Unani Medicines put up for retail sale	30049001	118.77	98.85	108.80	124.97	147.53	598.92
6 Homoeopathic Medicines put up for retail sale	30049002	0.79	1.33	3.19	8.97	3.74	18.02
TOTAL (S.No.1+S.No.3 to S.No.6)		419.54	404.06	340.34	590.12	616.52	2370.58
TOTAL (S.No.2 to S.No.6)		187.66	175.07	167.40	255.17	27727	1062.57
7 Vegetable Saps and extracts; pectic substances, pectinates and pectates; garagar and other mucilages and thickeners, whether or not modified, derived from vegetable products.	1302	636.74	826.79	921.42	698.99	593.19	3677.13

Source: Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India-Annual Numbers brought out by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, Koikata-700001